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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-98 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits herewith the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner such that they may be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

Please note that U.S. 5,873,227, which is listed on Form PTO-1449, is relevant to the subject matter of the present application. However, Applicant asserts that the '227 reference is not prior art as the filing date of the patent upon which the present application is based is prior to the filing date of the '227 reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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